

our community with distinction and valor. Our most heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to his family, his friends, his fellow deputies, especially to his wife, Diane, and their three sons, Steven, Trey, and Scott.

May his killer be brought to justice and may God bless and keep Deputy Sheriff Shelby Green.

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#### FULL FUNDING FOR NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to call on Congress to fully fund the President's No Child Left Behind for school reform. Last Congress we passed legislation to create tough new standards our schools must meet and vigorous assessments to measure progress in meeting those standards.

As a former superintendent of North Carolina schools, I voted for this bill because my State has led the Nation in standard-based reform, and the administration promised historic new funding to make the bill work, but the administration has broken that promise. This year's budget request shortchanges No Child Left Behind by \$9.7 billion; and over the first 3 years of the new law, the administration is proposing nearly \$20 billion in cuts to No Child Left Behind.

Mr. Speaker, a promise is a promise and a deal is a deal, and Congress must hold the administration accountable for its commitments. I am working with others to help make sure No Child Left Behind is fully funded before the tough new requirements take effect. If the White House is going to talk the talk, Congress had better make sure that they walk the walk. I urge Members to join me in this vital effort to do right by our schools and our children.

#### IMMIGRATION REFORM

(Mr. TANCREDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, several foreign governments have undertaken to distribute identification cards to their nationals living illegally in the United States. Some of these governments, specifically one of them, Mexico, has taken this one step further and decided to begin to use their consular offices here to lobby State and local governments in the United States to get them to accept these cards, thereby aiding and abetting people living in this country illegally.

Mr. Speaker, if the United States had asked its consular offices in Mexico or any other country to undertake such a practice, there would be a storm of protest, and rightly so. Consular offices

would be closed; officials would be recalled. It would be appropriate for governments to respond that way. Our government has not said a word about this. It is time, however, that the Government of the United States issue a formal protest to the Government of Mexico for this egregious, outrageous behavior, and it is time for this government to take control of its own immigration policy.

#### LOW-INCOME AMERICANS ENTITLED TO TAX RELIEF

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, Mark Twain said that humans were the only species that would feel embarrassment, or needed to. That is an appropriate quote today when many of my Republican colleagues are terribly embarrassed because they got caught with their hand in the cookie jar giving over \$90,000 tax relief to millionaires, and to children of families who earn less than \$26,000, gave them zero tax relief for the child deduction.

This is scandalous, and many of my good Republican friends are terribly embarrassed that they have been caught in this fashion. But now I call on my Republican colleagues to admit that they made a mistake and fix the problem. I am told that the majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), said that people who earn \$26,000 do not pay taxes. Excuse me, they pay property taxes, they pay withholding taxes, they pay sales taxes, and they are entitled to fair treatment.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot excuse the inexcusable. I am calling for my Republican friends to call the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) to fix this problem today.

#### SUPPORT GLOBAL PATHOGEN SURVEILLANCE ACT

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, today the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. TAUSCHER) and I will introduce the Global Pathogen Surveillance Act of 2003. Identical to the Biden-Lugar bill in the Senate, it will assist in fighting the threats of bioterrorism and naturally-occurring infectious diseases.

International trade and travel offer new opportunities for pathogens to cross national borders. Infectious disease epidemics, wherever they occur, are a potential threat to all nations. Americans have become all too familiar with the threat from bioterrorism and deadly agents capable of spreading death, anthrax, Ebola, smallpox, and SARS. They are just the most recent examples.

The Kirk-Tauscher bill authorizes \$150 million over 2 years to assist de-

veloping countries to train personnel in epidemiological techniques, acquire laboratory equipment, and obtain equipment to communicate inside the country and with the World Health Organization. Our legislation has the strong support of Dr. David Heymann, the highest-ranking American at the World Health Organization. It will contribute to our homeland security while at the same time making other countries safer for Americans traveling abroad. I thank the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. TAUSCHER) for cosponsoring this important bill.

#### CHILD TAX CREDIT UNFAIR

(Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, listen carefully, the growing sound and the roar we hear from the Senate is the sound of Republican Senators rushing to change their position on the child tax credit. What we hear is them now recognizing the incredible injustice they did to hard-working families with children who earned under \$26,000 a year who will not get that \$400 check for each of their children like other families this summer. The Republicans have recognized the injustice; but the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), the leader of the Republicans in the House—

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS). The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman will refrain from references characterizing the Senate.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I am only reporting on what the Senate is doing. I am reporting; I am not characterizing.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman must not characterize them or their actions.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, Senators are changing their position on the child care tax credit. It is in The New York Times. I could read the names of the Senators. That is what is happening there.

Here, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) says they are not going to correct this injustice to these families. These families will go without their \$400 check that is so important to the income of those families and the ability to raise their children. How dare the Republicans suggest that these children are less valuable than the children of other American families.

#### AMERICAN IDEALS ADMIRER

(Mr. STEARNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to share some good news about America's number one export: our ideals of democracy, freedom, and free enterprise.